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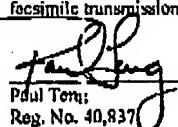
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Upon review of the official Filing Receipt for the above-identified application, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, Applicant noticed the following error:

In the Foreign Applications section, the first listed foreign application "JAPAN 2002-341934" should be changed to "JAPAN 2002-341834".

The error has been struck out, and the correction hand-annotated, on the copy of the Filing Receipt attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Applicant also attaches hereto as Exhibit B (i) a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed with this application May 24, 2005, indicating the first listed foreign application as "2002-341834", and (ii) a photocopy of the returned postcard dated May 24, 2005 bearing the

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stamp applied thereto by the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the application along with the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed May 24, 2005.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the official Filing Receipt be corrected to reflect the correct identification of Foreign Applications, and that a corrected Filing Receipt be forwarded to the undersigned.

No fees are deemed to be necessary in connection with this Request, since the error to be corrected is a Patent Office mistake.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP03/14520 11/14/2003

**Foreign Applications**

JAPAN 2002-341934 11/26/2002  
 JAPAN 2002-341944 11/26/2002  
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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

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**STABLY OPERABLE IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS WITH IMPROVED PAPER CONVEYING AND EJECTING MECHANISM**

the specification of which:

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was filed on November 14, 2003 as

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(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International Application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the earliest application from which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<b>Patent Application(s)</b>				
<u>2002-341834</u>	<u>JAPAN</u>	<u>November 26, 2002</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>  </u>
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Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35  
U.S.C. 171 (in duplicate), a copy of the International Application as filed [including 39-page specification with  
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